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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 December 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 8-14 and 17-19 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 15, 16 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/S508)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-7, 15, 16 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over HAGEN (of record) in view of SHUEN in U.S. Patent No. 5,572,528 A (newly cited), hereinafter referred to as SHUEN.

Referring to claims 1-6, 15 and 16, HAGEN discloses a wireless LAN (100) comprising an access point (3 or 4), a plurality of mobile communications devices (1) requiring data communication with the access point, and a controller (3 or 4) for controlling the supply of data communication to the mobile communications devices, the controller being such as to set up a peer-to-peer session between a mobile communications device and the access point, wherein the controller includes a software agent associated with the access point, and wherein the controller is such as to control the peer-to-peer session between the mobile communications devices and the access point (see paragraphs [0010 to [0012], [0042] to [0045], [0097], [0102] to [0104]).

HAGEN differs from the claims, in that, it does not disclose the feature of having the controller sets up a peer-to-peer connection between a first mobile communications device for already receiving a data communication supplying a given service and a second mobile communications device requiring that service so as to provide the second mobile communications device with the given service from the first mobile communications device using a wireless technology appropriate to the QoS required by the second mobile communications device, which is well known in the art and commonly applied in wireless

communications field for providing direct communication between mobile communication devices.

SHUEN, for example, from the similar field of endeavor, teaches the specific feature of having a controller (access point) for setting up a peer-to-peer connection between mobile communications devices (see col. 21, lines 34-47), which can be easily adopted by one of ordinary skill in the art into the system of HAGEN, to provide direct communication between mobile communication devices, thereby preserving the quality of service (QoS) assurance.

Referring to claims 7 and 20, HAGEN discloses that the controller is such as to register the second mobile communications device with an SIP server associated with the access point by providing that device with an SIP address, whereby that device can subsequently set up the peer-to-peer connection with the first mobile communications device using SIP messages (see paragraphs [0069] and [0114]).

3. Claims 8-14, 17-19 are allowed.
4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Naghian '787 is additionally cited to show the common feature of communication protocol for wireless local area network utilizing access points for maintaining desired QoS similar to the claimed invention.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alpous H. Hsu whose telephone number is (571)272-3146. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (5:30-3:00) First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on (571)272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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